

U. S. PLANT PATENT APPLICATION OF

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FOR: CALIBRACHOA PLANT NAMED

‘KLEC02060’

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BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION/CULTIVAR DESIGNATION:

Calibrachoa sp. cultivar KLEC02060

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of Calibrachoa plant, botanically known as *Calibrachoa sp.*, and hereinafter referred to by the name 'KLEC02060'.

10 The new Calibrachoa is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Stuttgart, Germany. The objective of the program is to create new early-flowering Calibrachoa cultivars with compact and cascading growth habit, freely branching habit and attractive flower colors.

15 The new Calibrachoa originated from a cross-pollination made by the Inventor during the summer of 1999 of a proprietary selection of Calibrachoa identified as code number S35, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with an unidentified selection of Calibrachoa, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new Calibrachoa was selected by the Inventor in May, 2000 in a controlled environment in

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Stuttgart, Germany from within the resulting progeny from the cross-pollination.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal cuttings taken in a controlled environment in Stuttgart, Germany since May, 5 2000, has shown that the unique features of this new *Calibrachoa* are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar KLEC02060 have not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary 10 somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity and daylength without, however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'KLEC02060'. These characteristics in combination distinguish 'KLEC02060' as a new and 15 distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa*:

1. Cascading plant habit.
2. Freely branching habit.
3. Early flowering habit.
4. Violet-colored flowers.

5. Good weather tolerance; tolerant to rain and wind and high and low temperatures.

Plants of the new Calibrachoa have a more trailing plant habit than plants of the female parent selection. In addition, plants of the new Calibrachoa and the female parent selection differ in flower color as plants of the female parent selection have pink-colored flowers.

Plants of the cultivar KLEC02060 can be compared to plants of the Calibrachoa cultivar Million Bells Cherry, not patented. However in side-by-side comparisons conducted in Stuttgart, Germany, plants of the new Calibrachoa and the cultivar Million Bells Cherry, differed in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new Calibrachoa were more trailing than and not as upright as plants of the cultivar Million Bells Cherry.
2. Plants of the new Calibrachoa and the cultivar Million Bells Cherry differed in flower color as plants of the cultivar Million Bells Cherry had cherry red-colored flowers.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the overall appearance of the new cultivar, showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type.

5 Colors in the photograph may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new Calibrachoa. The photograph comprises a side perspective view of typical plants of 'KLEC02060' grown in a hanging basket container.

10 DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Plants used in the aforementioned photograph and following description were grown under conditions that closely approximate commercial production conditions during the spring in Stuttgart, Germany in a glass-covered greenhouse. Plants were about five months
15 old from planting rooted cuttings. During the production of the plants, day and night temperatures ranged from 16 to 18°C and light levels were about 20,000 lux. Plants grown in 12-cm containers were used for the description. In the description, color references are made to the Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general
20 terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

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BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION:

Calibrachoa sp. cultivar KLEC02060.

PARENTAGE:

5 Female, or seed, parent: Proprietary selection of *Calibrachoa sp.*
identified as S35, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent: Unidentified selection of *Calibrachoa*
sp., not patented.

PROPAGATION:

 Type cutting: Terminal vegetative cuttings.

10 Time to produce a rooted young plant:

 Summer: About 21 days at 20 to 26°C.

 Winter: About 28 days at 20°C.

Root description: Fine, fibrous and white in color.

Rooting habit: Freely branching.

15 **PLANT DESCRIPTION:**

Form: Annual flowering plant; initially upright to semi-upright
then cascading; uniform flattened mounded appearance.

Usage: Appropriate for hanging baskets, window boxes and patio
containers.

20 Plant height (from soil level to top of plant plane): About 4 cm.

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Plant diameter (area of spread): About 70 cm.

Growth rate: Vigorous.

Branching habit: Freely branching, about nine lateral branches per plant; pinching is typically not required.

5 Lateral branch description:

Length: About 35 cm.

Diameter: About 3 mm.

Internode length: About 0.5 to 2 cm.

Texture: Smooth, glabrous.

10 Color: 145A.

Foliage description: Leaves simple, generally symmetrical and long persisting; sessile.

Arrangement: Alternate.

Length: About 1 to 3 cm.

15 Width: About 0.5 to 1 cm.

Shape: Lanceolate to elliptic.

Apex: Acute.

Base: Attenuate.

Margin: Entire.

20 Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous.

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Venation pattern: Pinnate.

Color:

Immature and fully expanded foliage, upper surface:

138A.

5 Immature and fully expanded foliage, lower surface:

138B.

Venation, upper surface: 138A.

Venation, lower surface: 138C.

FLOWER DESCRIPTION:

10 Flower type and habit: Flowers face somewhat upright or outward; single, axillary; salverform. Flowers not persistent. Freely flowering habit, about 15 to 20 open flowers and about 25 to 30 flower buds per lateral stem. Flowers not fragrant.

15 Natural flowering season: Spring until frost in the autumn; flowering continuous during this time.

Time to flower: Early flowering; plants begin flowering about 12 weeks after planting.

Flower longevity on the plant: About seven days.

Flower size:

20 Diameter: About 4 cm.

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Tube length: About 2 cm.

Throat diameter, distal end: About 1 cm.

Tube diameter, proximal end: About 2 mm.

Flower buds:

5 Length: About 1.3 cm.

Diameter: About 4 mm.

Shape: Irregular, oblong.

Color: 150B.

Corolla:

10 Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five petals,
fused into flared trumpet.

Petal length from throat: About 1.5 cm.

Petal width: About 1.4 cm.

Petal shape: Roughly spatulate; slightly recurved.

15 Apex: Crenate.

Petal margin: Entire.

Petal texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous.

Color:

20 Petal, when opening and fully opened, upper
surface: 85A; venation, 83B.

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Petal, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: 85D; venation 77A.

Flower throat (inside): 82A; venation, 83B.

Flower tube (outside): 13B; venation, 77A.

5 Sepals:

Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five sepals; calyx, star-shaped.

Length: About 1.9 cm.

Width: About 7 mm.

10 Shape: Lanceolate to elliptic.

Apex: Acute.

Margin: Entire.

Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous, glossy.

15 Color, upper surface: 136B.

Color, lower surface: 136C.

Peduncles:

Length: About 1.5 to 2 cm.

Width: About 2 mm.

20 Strength: Moderately strong.

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Angle: Erect to about 75° from vertical.

Texture: Glabrous, smooth.

Color: 144A.

Reproductive organs:

5 Stamens:

Quantity: Six per flower.

Anther shape: Elliptic.

Anther length: About 1 to 2 mm.

Anther color: 11B.

10 Pollen amount: Scarce.

Pollen color: 11B.

Pistils:

Quantity: One per flower.

Pistil length: About 7 mm.

15 Stigma shape: Oval.

Stigma color: 149A.

Style length: About 5 mm.

Style color: 150A.

Ovary color: 154A.

20 Seed/fruit: Seed and fruit production has not been observed.

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DISEASE/PEST RESISTANCE:

Plants of the new Calibrachoa have been noted to be resistant to Powdery Mildew. Plants of the new Calibrachoa have not been noted to be resistant to other pathogens and pests common to Calibrachos.

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WEATHER/TEMPERATURE TOLERANCE:

Plants of the new Calibrachoa are tolerant to rain and wind and have been observed to tolerate temperatures from 1 to 50°C.